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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

**SUBJECT: Superior Accomplishments of ORR in
Fulfillment of NIS Production Requirements**

1. I am pleased to inform you of the superior accomplishments of several of your staffs in the fulfillment of their production responsibilities under the NIS Program for FY 1956.

2. The Economic Research Area (ERA) is charged with the responsibility for the over-all coordination and production (with the assistance of the Defense Agencies) of NIS Chapter VI (Economic) and the related Section 16 on the SovBloc Areas. Under the production schedule for FY 1956, ERA was called upon to produce 19 NIS Sections. Its staff actually produced 20 NIS Sections for an accomplishment of 105%, in contrast to the attainment of 55% for FY 1955. I consider that Mr. [REDACTED] the NIS Coordinator in ERA, contributed in large measure through his untiring efforts to this gratifying accomplishment.

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3. Within the Geographic Research Area (GRA) the Geography Division (D/GG) is charged with the over-all coordination and the production responsibility (with the assistance of the Defense Mapping Agencies) of NIS Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal) and the related Section 19, on all foreign areas. The Division attained 163% of its production requirement of 36 Sections for FY 1956. [REDACTED]

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Coordination Staff, D/GG, deserve great credit in achieving these splendid results.

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4. I would be remiss were I to overlook the fine cooperation and work of the Cartographic Division in maintaining consistently high standards in NIS maps throughout the year. Of particular importance was their design and production of Chapter 1-155's, which have been uniformly excellent. [REDACTED] Chief of that Division, has devoted considerable personal attention to furthering the development of the NIS mapping program and, as CIA member on the Foreign Names Committee, has contributed materially to the NIS Gazetteer program through his efforts toward more realistic foreign name policy decisions.

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